

CLUB NEWS

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KIWANIS WEEK 18

All members were welcomed by *MATT HAGLER* before President *GERALD BAYSDEN* called the meeting to order. *CHET HELT* then led us in singing *America* and later in reciting our *Pledge of Allegiance*. He then delivered our opening prayer. No guests were at the meeting, which was attended by 15 members and our speaker...

THIS WEEK

Former Panther, *ROD SMITH*, was on hand to relate memories of his illustrious career in the National Football League. The Minnesota native said that in college he ran track and was not doing very well. When he had nearly lost interest in the sport, his coach suggested that he run against all the freshman runners at the school. He did and after he had beaten them all, his confidence was restored and he continued running track with a new- found interest.

After *ROD* decided to go to Notre Dame he was encouraged by friends to go elsewhere because that particular year Notre Dame already had six of the best running backs in the country. *ROD* told them that you shouldn't run from your competition and he decided to go there anyway. Among other traits *ROD* said that had helped him in playing the game were to (1) always be prepared and (2) to take the initiative in situations whenever possible. *ROD* has the Philadelphia Eagles down to win the NFL. Playoff, adding, "It might not even be close."

HAGLERS HAVE A 7 LB. 3 OZ. GIRL

MATT and *SHARON HAGLER* have announced the birth of a daughter. *CAROLINE KENDALL* was born on Thursday, January 20. The 7 pound, 3

ounce girl measured 18 ½ inches long and arrived at 7:55 a.m. at Presbyterian Hospital According to *MATT*, mother, daughter and dad are all doing fine. He thanks club members for their support.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7. *GERALD* has lined up *TAMARA GRAY* with the Comfort Keepers organization to be our speaker. Comfort Keepers is an organization that provides care for elderly people who prefer to remain in their own homes rather than move to a retirement community or nursing home.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Chairman *BOB ASHMORE* called the club's attention to the recent passing of two former Kiwanis member widows. This past week *HELEN THREADGILL*, wife of former member, *OSCAR THREADGILL*, passed away. Just a few weeks prior, *MARY LOU THOMPSON*. *JOE THOMPSON'S* widow died.

TABLE TALK

The next bulletin will go out in two versions. Members who indicated they wanted to receive the bulletin via the internet will receive it that way and not receive a snail-mailed bulletin.....Congrats to

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the Circle K Club at Queens University. On Safe Kids Day, February 19, they will be helping with children's car seats at Eastland Mall... *GERALD* let our guest speaker pick his marble in the SuperBall Contest and *ROD* was able to pick the right one among the six left in the box..... University Kiwanis Club needs help.